

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know, Sir, whether there are not 38 Sub-Assistant Surgeons now in service according to the Code?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are 45.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—In the light of the Government order referred to in this question C. No. 89/or is it not intended that those who are adversely affected should be compensated by personal allowance to that extent? Have any of these Sub-Assistant Surgeons been awarded any personal allowance in pursuance of this order?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No one has suffered.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Am I to take it that the revision on the new scale has not prejudicially affected the Sub-Assistant Surgeons?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—In some cases.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know why a personal allowance is not granted?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—But it will be in the progressive scale of pay. They will not suffer. Later on they will get the benefit of the increase of pay in course of time.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know when they will get the increased maximum?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—They may reach the maximum a little later.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know whether that is not prejudicially affecting their rights under the contemplation of the Government order?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It will take time. Steps will be taken.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—(b) Rs. 13,539. That would be in regard to the 45 Sub-Assistant Surgeons now in service?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know whether the increase of roughly Rs. 1,000 upon 45 Surgeons is considered to be extravagant?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The total for the year would come to Rs. 14,216 inclusive of leave allowance.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Is this cost to compensate those Sub-Assistant Surgeons—this Rs. 1,000 and odd?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is not 1,000 and odd it is 14,216.

Metal collection by the road side.

92. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. is the Government aware of the great inconvenience felt by the public on account of the way in which metal is collected by the road side, especially in places where there is hardly room for two vehicles to pass through;

2. will the Government be pleased to take early steps to remove this grievance?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1. Yes. In a few places.

2. Narrow portions of road are being widened and provided with metal tables. The contractors have also been ordered not to stack metal within 7 ft. from the centre of the road.

Vattikkal Toll-gate.

93. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. (a) the date on which the Vattikkal toll-gate located on the border line between the Kanayannur and Mulanthuruthi villages was sanctioned;

(b) the principle upon which the particular toll-gate was located;

2. will the Government be pleased to place on the Council Table the orders for opening the same and the correspondence in connection with it;

3. was the said toll-gate intended to be located on the border line between Cochin and Travancore?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) 16th June 1930.

(b) Toll-gates are established under the provisions of Cochin Ferries and Tolls Regulation III of 1082. The object of establishing tolls is to make the owners of vehicles, using the roads, contribute something towards the maintenance of the roads.

2. The Huzur file is placed on the Council Table.

3. No.

Superannuated Officers.

94. Dr. K. Sankara Menon.—With reference to the list of superannuated officers published as Appendix II to the answer to question 139 of the Legislative Council Session of Dhanu 1105, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether all these officers have now retired from service;

(2) whether excepting Nos. 4, 5 and 6, in the list, the others did not block the way of promotions to their juniors during the extensions granted to them;